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DATE OF CONTENT 8 to 31 March 1954DATE OBTAINED 25X1DATE PREPARED 20 April 1954REFERENCES PAGES 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) REMARKS

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1. On 20 March 1954, a train carrying 18 trucks, 12 to 15 x 85-mm AT guns, about 18 armored ~~three-seater~~ machine gun carriers, ~~1~~ sedan and 8 boxcarloads of troops arrived in Justerbog from the west.

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2. During the night on 17 March, a total of about 60 tanks left Sachsendorf Kaserne (3082) and Hermann Loens Kaserne (3083) toward Burg. The Dissenchen Kaserne (3081) and the Alvensleben Kaserne (3084) were only lightly occupied at that time. During the night on 19 March, about 15 T-34/85 tanks and about 30 trucks returned to the post, proceeding toward Hermann Loens Kaserne. Another 10 trucks, including 6 25X1

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 The Sachsendorf Kaserne, Hermann Loens Kaserne, Dissenchen Kaserne and Alvensleben Kaserne appeared to be again occupied to capacity.²

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3. In the evening on 25 March, a train carrying 4 x 76.2-mm AT guns, about 15 trucks and 1 field kitchen was seen in Weimar. At about 10 p.m. on 25 March, 2 trains 25X1 with 9 x 152-mm guns, several track-laying vehicles, numerous trucks and 4 presumably 76.2-mm guns were seen at the Erfurt railroad station. At about 10:30 p.m. on 25 March, a train carrying 6 x 122-mm guns, 10 trucks and other vehicles

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 was seen at the Weimar railroad station. On 26 March, a train carrying 8 T-34/85 tanks and 12 to 15 trucks was seen at the Neudietendorf railroad station. All these shipments were headed toward west.

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 additional shipments had been observed during the nights on 24 and 25 March.² 25X1

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4. On 26 and 29 March, the Kindel troop training grounds was occupied by only a guard detail of about 30 to 50 troops. between 17 and 24 March, a small unit, presumably from the direction of Muehlhausen, engaged in firing practices at the Kindel troop training grounds. Reports of artillery pieces were heard from the training area during the period mentioned. Imprints of tracks were observed on the roads.

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5. In the early morning on 8 March, 18 tanks and SP guns were loaded at the Leisnig railroad station, and 12 trucks were loaded in the afternoon. The trucks left toward Doeblin. On 12 March, several trucks with boxes and bedsteads left Busch Kaserne toward Fischendorf-Doeblin. other shipments, including trucks with troops had been entrained, allegedly toward west. On 14 March, the Busch 25X1

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Kaserne and the Friedrich August Kaserne were not occupied to capacity. Several groups of 12 to 15 troops went to the station and left by train. On 14 March, 8 to 12 tanks and SP guns were seen in the Friedrich August Kaserne. Between 13 and 15 March, small details of troops from the installations received training in Leisnig and Minkwitz. [redacted] 25X1

On 21 March, additional tanks and SP guns were entrained at the Leisnig railroad station, leaving toward Doebeln.

- 25X1 1. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] one of the eight shipments
25X1 of the 10th Gds Tank Div, which went to exercises in the area east of Jueterbog.
- 25X1 2. [redacted] Comment. An exercise of the 9th Mech Div terminated in the Brand-Jueterbog area on 18 March. An exercise of the 7th Gds Mech Div extended from the Cottbus area toward the Lieberose training grounds between 16 and 20 March. The dates of observations in the present report tend to indicate [redacted] elements 25X1 of the 9th Mech Div involved in another exercise in the area northwest of Cottbus.
- 25X1 3. [redacted] Comment. No confirmation has been received so far.
- 25X1 4. [redacted] Comment. The shipments toward Doebeln involved units of the 8th Gds Mech Div which went to the Koenigsbrueck troop training grounds. No confirmation has been received for shipments toward west.

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